December

Astraea Foundation Grant Proposal Submitted

January

Arcus Foundation: The goal of the Arcus LGBT Program is to advance social justice inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and race. While the Arcus Foundation does not have an arts funding program, we welcome your ideas about how cultural projects can help us achieve the goals of our existing programs by changing hearts and minds and working to strengthen the efforts of advocates and organizers. In this area, we will support the dissemination and educational aspects of arts and cultural projects. (Begin inquiry process 4-6 months before project)

The Bamboo Fund (fund of the Community Foundation of Boulder County): provide substantial grants for social justice organizing groups in Colorado. Fund organizations working for structural and systemic change, work that seeks to alter the power dynamics of society, efforts that eventually lead to long-term change. Violence, poverty, inequality, racism and classism, homophobia, ability/disability rights — discrimination in all its guises; these are the issues we hope to address.
(New app at deadline available in early 2009)

February

Chinook Fund: Chinook funds organizations that work to create a just, equitable and free society by transforming oppressive and discriminatory political, social and economic systems and institutions. Funds organizations working for social change by challenging the root causes of oppression. Chinook believes the root causes of our most serious social problems include systemic and institutionalized racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, ableism and ageism. Colorado-specific. Works with orgs that are too radical or too risky to receive funding from mainstream orgs (Deadline: February; Decision in June).

Pikes Peak Community Foundation: seeks to support great ideas that demonstrate strategic, high-impact results that benefit citizens in our community. The Fund for the Arts mission is to foster sustainability and growth for arts organizations and artists in the Pikes Peak Region by increasing financial support and building awareness of the significance of the arts and artists in the community. The primary activity of the Fund for the Arts is to make strategic grants to local artists and art related projects to further its mission. (rolling deadline).

Open Meadows Foundation: a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities. Open Meadows Foundation funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, sexual identity and expression, age or ability. (February 15th deadline)

The Kresge Foundation is a private foundation that supports communities by building the capacity of nonprofit organizations in six particular fields of interest: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services and community development (rolling deadline, submit letter of inquiry).

The Lieghty Foundation: small family foundation; broad funding criteria – "the wise allocation of human, financial, and natural resources." RMWFF gets money from them. Jane and Bob Justis are directors – daughter is gay; (Summer board meeting, but also make decisions throughout year).

The Out Fund (fund of the Funding Exchange): The OUT Fund was established to support radical organizing projects working to fight injustice, end oppression and build community among lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, trans, queer, questioning and intersex people. (Feb 09 will have info on app deadlines)
Key Bank Foundation: supports organizations that foster economic self-sufficiency, principally where KeyBank operates. Advance economic self-sufficiency through our funding priorities, which help communities and individuals prosper: Diversity – Promoting inclusive environments by employing systemic changes to improve the access of individuals of diverse backgrounds. No deadline; board meets quarterly; takes 2-3 months for review.

Gazette Charities: If applying for >$5k, deadline is Sept 1; <5k: rolling deadline, at least 3-4 months in advance of event; online app; funding orgs working towards positive long-term change;

March

Colorado Council on the Arts has suspended their grant deadline due to budget uncertainty

The Gill Foundation funds LGBT organizations that: increase positive awareness of LGBT people within the non-LGBT community; support the health and wellness of LGBT people and their families. (As grant awardees in 2008, we'll need to contact them before March 1 to reapply).
Tides Foundation: to increase and organize resources for positive social change. (Rolling deadline: answer an open request for proposals (RFPs) and/or calls for letters of inquiry (LOIs) related to a specific funding initiative or donor advised fund).

Women's Foundation of Colorado: donor-advised fund: Julia Fitz-Randolph Lesbian Innovation Fund (rolling deadline).

JPMorgan Chase grants: Support organizations that focus upon capacity building, advocacy, technical assistance, and financial support to the broad arts and cultural community. Sponsor arts exhibitions and performances that enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve, with emphasis on programming that addresses cultural enrichment and issues related to diversity. Support organizations that focus on emerging or underrepresented artists to foster the creation of new work. (Rolling deadline).

The Overbrook Foundation Human Rights Program: The Foundation's Human Rights Program champions the human rights of marginalized groups - indigenous peoples, women, sexual and other minorities - in the U.S., Latin America and South Africa; supports organizations committed to holding the US Government to the highest human rights standards and supports the emerging domestic US human rights movement and/or the underlying progressive infrastructure that all US social justice organizations require to thrive and pursue their missions Generally speaking, the Foundation's domestic programs target support for policy development, advocacy, coalition building, research, legal and other strategies likely to impact large classes of people or shape issues important to the Foundation's mission. (LOI and if accepted, full app; 2-3 month process).

The Norwood Foundation: grants to nonprofits in CO (rolling deadline).

April

Bee Vradenburg Foundation: a private foundation to advance Bee Vradenburg's vision of a thriving and diverse cultural community by investing in the excellence, innovation and sustainability of the arts in the Pikes Peak region. (Deadline: April 1)

Kaiser Permanente: COS-centric grants; Thrive in the Community grant program
(Last year's deadline was Apr 15, haven't yet set funding priorities or deadline for 2009).

Downtown Partnership: Encourage the establishment of more and improved arts and cultural opportunities downtown to attract more downtown patrons, create a unique and fresh identity for downtown, and give new life to established organizations and older amenities. (Last year's deadline was Apr 30, not sure this year).

CC Cultural Attractions Fund: 2nd week of each block;

May

Wachovia Foundation: build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference. Secondary focus area = arts and culture: Facilitate access to and participation in cultural experiences for persons with low- to moderate-income; Ensure the availability of a broad array of artistic opportunities/venues that reflect the diversity of the community (rolling deadline).

June

Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund Grants: provides support to Colorado and Wyoming nonprofit organizations with operating budgets of $350,000 or less. The Community Assistance Fund was designed to help small grass-root organizations in the communities with whom Wells Fargo does business. (Deadline: June 30).

Other stuff:

CCA Listening Session: Monday, February 2, Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, 3rd Floor, Helen T. White Gallery Bldg., 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Astraea staff members will be in Denver next week at the Creating Change conference. They have available office hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For next year:

- David Bohnett Foundation: LOI: June 30, Application: July 31, Decision: Nov 20
- Threshold Foundation: Submit letter of inquiry in the fall
- Collin Higgins Foundation: Due to financial downturn, suspending funding in 2009 (Submit letter of inquiry in early '10).
- Community Outreach from Nat'l Companies with big operations here? (Booz, Hewlett Packard).